

YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

25th July 2006

**APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO REPRESENT THE AUTHORITY
ON INTERNAL WORKING GROUPS**

Purpose of report

To seek Members' instructions on the Authority's representation on a number of internal Working Groups.

Strategic Planning Framework

The information and recommendation(s) contained in this report are consistent with the Authority's statutory purposes and its approved strategic planning framework.

Background

Over time, the Authority has established a number of internal 'task and finish' Working Groups. These are listed in the **Annex** to this report, which also provides details of the membership and purpose(s) of each Group, together with a comment from the Lead Officer on the need or otherwise for each Group's continuation.

RECOMMENDATION

That consideration be given to the Lead Officer recommendations in the attached Annex.

RICHARD PARKIN
SECRETARIAT OFFICER

Background documents: None
12th July, 2006.

MEMBER REPRESENTATION ON INTERNAL WORKING GROUPS

Internal Group	Purpose of Group	Current Member(s)	Lead Officer comment
Agricultural Reform Group	To consider issues relating to the reform of European or national agricultural policy and wider rural development initiatives which could have a significant effect on the achievement of NP purposes or the role of the NPA. <i>[Abbreviated version of 'purpose']</i>	WH Brown C Hammond TRN Harrison-Topham HA Kirkbride KJ Lancaster JJ Pearlman Mrs D Millward	The group has advised on all stages of the development and implementation of the most recent round of CAP reforms. This work will conclude with the development of the Regional Implementation Plan for the RDP (England), which is due later this year. RECOMMEND that the Group be disbanded following its consideration of the Regional Implementation Plan. <i>[Note: Members may wish to consider, in due course, the establishment of a successor group to deal with future changes to European and national policy – probably around 2009.]</i>
Corporate Governance Working Group	To assist Audit and Review Committee to discharge responsibilities re corporate governance by developing draft policy; examining current policies and proposing changes including roles of members.	J Blackie Mrs S Marshall Mrs Y Peacock Dr KM Petyt Ms Y Rose	The Group was established in December 2005, to review the Authority's corporate governance arrangements over a 12 month period. Work is proceeding on time, and the Group should have completed its task by December 2006. RECOMMEND that the Group be disbanded following the completion of its current work programme.
Local Plan Working Group	Task and finish group to see through the adoption of the Local Plan.	J Blackie WH Brown W Fenten KJ Lancaster SR Macaré Mrs D Millward JJ Pearlman Ms N Stedman	The work of this Group has now ended. RECOMMEND that the Group be disbanded. <i>[Note: Members may wish to consider, in due course, the establishment of a successor group to deal with issues relating to the Local Development Framework.]</i>

Internal Group	Purpose of Group	Current Member(s)	Lead Officer comment
Member Training Working Group	To prepare an annual Member training Programme and to review and update as necessary.	Ms N Stedman	The role of the Group has been taken over by the Audit and Review Committee. RECOMMEND that the Group be disbanded.
Planning Performance Working Group	To review development control procedures and performance and to report to the Planning Committee with recommendations for improving the Service. Also to consider and make recommendations on NPAPA Improvement Plan recommendations for operating a smaller Planning Committee.	J Blackie WH Brown G Dalton W Fenten D Ireton KJ Lancaster C Lis JJ Pearlman	The work of the Group will end in the autumn when it reports to the Planning Committee and/or to the Authority. Members are reminded that the Member Champions(s) with responsibility for Development Control will largely take on the role of the Group. RECOMMEND that the Group be disbanded after it has reported back to the Planning Committee and/or the Authority.